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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposed to set up a task force to review specifications and standards for contraceptive, medical instruments and accessories being issued for the National Family Welfare Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the outcome of the review conducted by the task force; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for monitoring the implementation of various Centrally sponsored family welfare schemes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) to (c): The Department of Family Welfare has already constituted a Task Force. This Task Force will review the current status in respect of specifications and standards of contraceptive devices as well as instruments/accessories currently in use in the National Family Welfare Programme. The Task Force will also review the current status of Bureau of Indian Standards prescribed for these contraceptive devices and instruments/accessories.

The Task Force will recommend upgrading and modification, if any, in the specifications and standards as feasible (with reference to the climate and temperature conditions in India) in order to promote operational functioning, cost effectiveness and safer outcomes.

(d): Maintenance of relevant records and reporting of performance for programme implementation has become a part of the main stream of the system of family welfare programme in the country.

Under the new RCH programme, the entire monitoring and evaluation system is being fully computerized through the country wide network provided by the NIC.